

EARLY CHILDHOOD ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Acronym	Term
4K/5K	4 Year Old Kindergarten, 5 Year Old Kindergarten
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics
ACCT	Assistant Child Care Teacher Skills Certificate Program / Department of Public Instruction
ACF	Administration for Children and Families / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
AFSCME	American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees
ASQ-3	Ages and Stages Questionnaires, 3 rd edition
ASQ:SE	Ages and Stages Questionnaires - Social Emotional Development
BAS	Business Administration Scale for Family Child Care
BCCA	Bureau of Child Care Administration / Department of Children and Families
BECR	Bureau of Early Care Regulation / Department of Children and Families
BQI	Bureau of Quality Improvement / Department of Children and Families
B to 3	Birth to Three / WI Department of Health Services
CACFP	Child and Adult Care Food Program (US Dept. of Agriculture, administered by DPI)
CANP	Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
CARES	Client Assistance for Re-Employment and Economic Support
CASEL	Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning
CC	Child Care
CCB	Child Care Bureau / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
CCBC	Cooperative Children's Book Center, UW Madison School of Education
CCCIG	Community Child Care Initiatives Grants (also known as "Pass-Through")
CCDF	Child Care and Development Fund child care block grant / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
CCF	Celebrate Children Foundation
CCIC	Child Care Information Center
CCPC	Child Care Provider Certification System
CCPI	Child Care Provider Information (Web access for providers)
CCR&R	Child Care Resource and Referral
CCTAN	Child Care Technical Assistance Network / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
CCW	Center for the Child Care Workforce
CDA	Child Development Associate
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
CESA	Cooperative Educational Service Agency
CFOC3	Caring for Our Children, 3 rd edition
CFPL	Credit for Prior Learning
CLIC	Children's Licensing Information Computer System
CPS	Child Protective Services
CREATE	Culturally Responsive Early Childhood Project (Culturally Responsive Education & Training for All: Training and Enhancement)
CSAW	Child Care Statewide Administration on the Web (WI Shares Child Care Subsidy System)
CSEFEL	Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning
CSS	Children's Service Society
CTF	Children's Trust Fund
CWW	CARES Worker Web
CYSHCN	Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program
DAP	Developmentally Appropriate Practices
DATCP	Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
DCF	Wisconsin Department of Children and Families
DEC	Division of Early Childhood – A Division of Council for Exceptional Children
DECE	Division of Early Care and Education / Department of Children and Families
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services - Federal
DHS	Wisconsin Department of Health Services
DLL	Dual Language Learner
DNR-PLT	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Project Learning Tree
DPH	Division of Public Health / Department of Health Services
DPI	Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
DSPS-SBD	Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, Safety and Buildings Division

Acronym	Term
ECAC	Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council
ECCS	Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems
ECE	Early Care and Education AND Early Childhood Excellence
ECEC	Early Childhood Education and Care
ECERS	Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale
EC LDS	Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System
ECSE	Early Childhood Special Education
EDLLI	Early Dual Language Learner Initiative
EHS	Early Head Start
FCCERS	Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale
FEIN	Federal Employer Identification Number
FFF	Forces for Fours
FRO	Formal Rating with Observation in YoungStar
GIQ	Grow In Quality – Pilot QRIS Project
GLITC	Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council
HCCA	Healthy Child Care America
HS	Head Start
HSSCO	Head Start State Collaboration Office
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act-2004
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IHE	Institution of Higher Education
IT	Infant/Toddler or Information Technology
ITERS	Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale
LDS	Longitudinal Data System
LEA	Local Educational Agency/School District
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MCH	Maternal and Child Health program in DHS
MECA	Milwaukee Early Care Administration / Department of Children and Families
NAA	National AfterSchool Association
NAC	National Accreditation Commission
NACCRRA	National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies
NACCRRAware	Software used by Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
NAFCC	National Association for Family Child Care
NCCIC	National Child Care Information Center (replaced by CCTAN)
NHSA	National Head Start Association
NIEER	National Institute for Early Education Research
NIOST	National Institute on Out-of-School Time
NNCC	National Network for Child Care
NPPS	National Program for Playground Safety
NRC	National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education
OEL	Office of Early Learning / Department of Public Instruction
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs / U.S. Dept. of Education
PAS	Program Administration Scale
PASE	Partnership for After School Education
PBIS	Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
PDAS	Professional Development Approval System – The Registry
PST	Program Support Teacher
PWES	Partnership for Wisconsin's Economic Success
QCQK	Quality Care for Quality Kids
QI	Quality Improvement or Quality Indicators
QIP	Quality Improvement Plan
QIS	Quality Improvement System AND Quality Indicator System
QRIS	Quality Rating and Improvement System
QRS	Quality Rating System

Acronym	Term
QSR	Quality Services Review
REWARD	REWARD Wisconsin Stipend Program (Rewarding Education with Wages and Respect for Dedication)
RSN	Regional Service Network
RTTT	Race to the Top / U.S. Dept. of Education
SACERS	School-Age Care Environment Rating Scale
SBS	Shaken Baby Syndrome
SCAN-MRT	Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Mandatory Reporter Training
SDA	Service Delivery Area
SEFEL	Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning
SF	Strengthening Families
SFTA	Supporting Families Together Association
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
SPDG	State Personnel Development Grant
TA	Technical Assistance
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant / U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
TBSS	Thing Big. Start Small.
TC	Technical Consultant
T.E.A.C.H.	T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Wisconsin Scholarship Program (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps)
T-NET	Wisconsin Training Network and Event Calendar – The Registry
TQG	Together Quality Grows – Pilot QRIS Project
UMOS	United Migrant Opportunity Service
US CPSC	U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
UWEX	University of Wisconsin – Extension
W2	Wisconsin Works
WAA	Wisconsin AfterSchool Association
WAN	Wisconsin Afterschool Network
WAPAF	Wisconsin Association on Public Assistance Fraud
WCCAA	Wisconsin Child Care Administrators Association
WCCF	Wisconsin Council on Children and Families
WCCIP	Wisconsin Child Care Improvement Project (replaced by SFTA)
WCCPT	Wisconsin Child Care Providers Together
WCCRP	Wisconsin Child Care Research Partnership
WDEC	Wisconsin Division for Early Childhood
WEAC	Wisconsin Education Association Council
WECA	Wisconsin Early Childhood Association
WECCP	Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners
WFCCA	Wisconsin Family Child Care Association
WHEDA	Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority
WHSA	Wisconsin Head Start Association
WI-AIMH	Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health
WI FACETS	Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training & Support
WISCCRS	Wisconsin Child Care Regulatory System
WI Shares	Wisconsin Child Care Subsidy Program
WMELS	Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards
WSBDC	Wisconsin Small Business Development Center
WSPEI	Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative
WTCS	Wisconsin Technical College System
WWBIC	Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation
YoungStar	Wisconsin's Child Care Quality Rating and Improvement System
Y-PQA	Youth Program Quality Assessment
YSC	YoungStar Consortium made up of CCF, SFTA, and WECA